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THE RACE TO THE GRAVE

Perhaps the least praiseworthy part of the American way of life, these days, is the conclusion of psychiatrists, doctors, and health experts, in all fields, that the fast pace of living in the United States is our most serious problem.

In the United States heart attacks, mental breakdowns and all sorts of nervous disorders are steadily on the increase, and the experts know the reason for this tragic trend is the terrific pace of life we are setting.

It is an established fact that the executives of America are dying in early life. Many, especially those in numbers of big corporations, are enjoying life spans which terminate in the early fifties. This is a startling development.

The number of mental disorders, nervous breakdowns and all sorts of other ailments have increased strikingly as a result of the tension of modern living. This tension is brought about by pressure, and the drive to out-produce, out-work and out-earn our neighbors.

We have reached the time in the United States when a slow-down in the average business man's daily routine is almost imperative. Some of those who are reading this editorial will take decades, or perhaps even more, from their life span, by not heeding these words.

COMPACTS MOVE UP

The percentage of total automobile sales the compacts now represent has reached 33 percent. This is an all- time high and it comes at a time when total sales are down to their lowest point since 1954.

In January all new- car sales totaled about 368,000 and this compares with over 455,000 sales in January of 1960 a decrease of almost 100,000 units.

Meanwhile, compacts edged up to a 33.4 percent share of the market which is the first time the small cars have registerd a sales percentage higher than one-third of all sales.

The decline in new car sales gives what the recession means to the automotive industry and is another indication of the seriousness of the current recession.

Automotive sales are one of the most accurate barometers of business and it is always a cause for concern when sales decline steadily over a long period as has been the cause through the later months of 1960 and early 1961.

The decline has in turn, caused a buildup in inventories and these high inventories have caused a slowdown in dealer orders, which has resulted in widespread layoffs in the industry.

In summary, the automobile industry's situation today is a reflection of continuing recession. The situation vindicates the measures taken recently by the Kennedy Administration to relieve quickly the economic slump.

While there can be argument over the specific measures themselves, their seems little room to argue over the necessity for action.

THROUGH THE CENTURIES

If you want to understand the world in which you live and the activity of peoples that now populate the globe, you must first of all, know much about past history and the experiences of the human race in the years that have preceded us.

The man, or woman, who attempts to pass judgment upon human activity solely upon the basis of personal experience, has overlooked the long tenure of man on the earth and the varied experiences that have combined to create present civilization. To judge the human race today we must look backward, not a decade nor a generation, but maybe, a few hundred years at least.

In this way, if you can get accurate information as to the economic, political and spiritual condition of earlier peoples you will be able to appraise the present position of mankind. To those who critically seek to understand the way people lived may in the 16th century and the organization of men and women into the forms of human activity, it is possible to perceive some changes and to observe a few definate trends in human behavior however expressed.

One of the predominant trends of the past few centuries has been the gradual acceptance on the part of government of a responsibility for the physcial well-beinr of people. It is evident in a variety of activities, including education, health, vocational, social and economic fields. The trend has been denounced as a "step toward socialism" and the destruction of 'private initiative' ever since it got underway, and it will be so denounced for the next three hundred centuries.

COMMENTS ON SPORTS

By Pete Fritchie

Washington, D. C. The campaign is on now to make it look like Ingemar is a new man. The first statements and the first publicity about the third heavyweight championship fight werer so uninteresting that the promoters began to shudder.

Ingema Johansson, everyone else was saying, was finished. The fight in which he won the championship was a fluke- it was argued. Such talk was doing nothing for the March go between the champion Floyd Patterson, and Ingemar.

So now comes the flurry of reports from Johansson's training camp. The ex-champ is mad, he is tougher, he is serious. And Jack Kerna, Dempsey's old tutor, says the Swede will win the crown back by a knockout in the first five rounds.

Will it realy be a good fight, or a repetition of the 1960 fiasco? That time Floyd swarmed all over Ingemar and iced him away in convincing manner.

But the first time it was all Ingemar and he had Patterson badly battered in short order, for an amazing third- round T. K. O. The majority of writers and Americans say Ingemar won the title by a fluke victory and that he doesn't deserve to be in the same ring with Patterson.

We disagree. Johannson has a great right- hand punch. He has proven this with other victories. He used it- and everyone had expected it to win the first Patterson fight. He is then, at least that good. He is of course, not the fancy stepper Patterson is and he can't outbox the champion.

But he does have a chance to knock him out again in March. It may not be the odds- on chance but Johannson appears serious about it and he will gave it a good try. The flight, then, should be a good one.

The champion will probably win it, but we suspect it will be a tougher victory for him- if he does get that victory - than the last one. He is a more talented fighter bnt Ingemar has the hardest punch.

NEWS FOR VETERANS

A reminder to any of the remaining Spanish-American War veterans who desire outpatient care from private physicians at Veterans Administration expense was issued today by the Veterans Administration.

Such veterans, Carlton W. Bragg, Officer-in-Charge of the Lynchburg VA Office said, should notify the nearest VA Office immediately. For most veterans of this war, the VA can pay for outpatient care from private physicians only when it has been authorized by the agency before the treatment is given.

In emergency cases, however, the VA may issue an authorization for emergency non-hospital treatment already given, when the agency is notified by the veteran or his physician within 15 days from the date treatment began.

Veterans Administration records show that there were 34,000 living Spanish American War veterans as of November 30, 1960.

Auto sales decline as output rises.

Hungary arrests 11 in antistate plot.

Stevenson reports progress on bolstering delegation.

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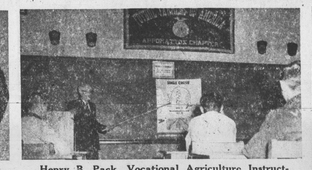
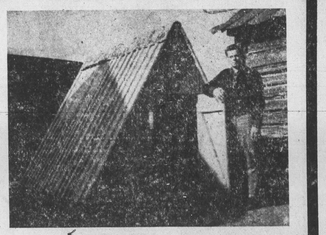
A SALUTE TO OUR FUTURE FARMERS

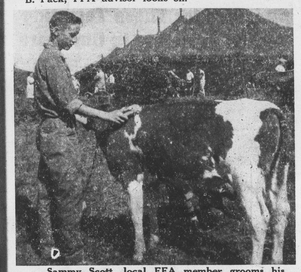
Louis W. Moore receives rural electrification award at State FFA Rally in Blacksburg. Dennis Terrence, Appomattox High School graduate and State FFA reporter presents the award as Henry B. Pack, FFA advisor looks on.



Henry B. Pack, Vocational Agriculture Instructor, Appomattox High School, instructs a class in the development of hybrid seed corn. FFA members are students of vocational agriculture.



Tom Maxwell of the Appomattox FFA Chapter stands beside an A-type farrowing house he built in the vocational agriculture shop.



Sammy Scott, local FFA member grooms his Guernsey calf in preparation for showing in the Farmville Fair. FFA members show the fruits of their enterprises at Farmville and in the Lynchburg Farm Show.

The Future Farmers of America is a wonderful organization. We are all happy to salute this group of Citizens of Tomorrow. We are also happy to invite them to make Appomattox GROW, for a better Tomorrow for all of us. Our challenge is to develop our resources to the limit of our potential, and our Youth will Lead the Way. Let us work, one and all, for the upbuilding of our Community!

Picture shown Robert Mann, Henry Covington, Hunter Tolley Jr. Teddy Garrett and Joel Carnefix at Mountain Lake Virginia. These Robert E. Lee Future Farmers were taking a break from the State F. F. A. Rally at Blacksburg last June.

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